10/015,778 Request Application Number For Filing Date December 17, 2001 tinued Examination (RCE) First Named Inventor Douglas D. Sjostrom Transmittal 3731 Group Art Unit Commissioner for Patents **Examiner Name** Victor X Nguyen P.O. Box 1450 Attorney Docket Number 00167-456001 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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